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FM AMCONSUL DOUALA

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AMEMBASSY DAKAR

INFO AMEMBASSY LAGOS

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AMEMBASSY YAOUNDE

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E.O. 11652: N/A

TAGS: ENRG, CM

SUBJECT: PETROLEUM: SANTA FE SHUTS DOWN, MOBIL SITTING ON FENCE

REF: A) YAOUNDE'S A-41, B) DOUALA S A-4

1. AS INDICATED REFAIRS TWO U.S. COMPANIES DRILLING CAMEROONS  
HAVE EXPERIENCED NUMBER OF DIFFICULTIES IN DRILLING PROGRAMS  
WHICH HAS CAUSED THEM CONSIDER SHUT DOWN FOR ALMOST TWO MONTHS.

2. E.H. FORD, DRILLING MANAGER SANTA FE MINERALS, STATED  
DRILLING HAS CEASED AND PLUGS WERE BEING PUT INTO THEIR MISSELLELE  
WELL STARTING 0200 GMT 30 MAY. SANTA FE, AFTER DRILLING ALMOST  
10,800 FEET, HAS CONCLUDED THERE IS NO POINT IN GOING FURTHER.  
THE RIG WILL BE MOVED TO SENEGAL FOR A ONE YEAR'S DRILLING PROGRAM  
FOR SHELL WILL COMMENCE O/A NOVEMBER 1, 1975.

3. C.E. PEPPER, DRILLING SUPERINTENDENT FOR MOBIL, STATED MOBIL  
IS CURRENTLY LOGGING AT 10,720 FEET. HE WILL DISCUSS MATTER  
WITH DALLAS AND DECISION MAY BE TAKEN SHORTLY TO ABANDON WELL.  
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THIS WILL CONCLUDE MOBIL S CURRENT DRILLING PROGRAM AND STORM

DRILLING PLATFORM WILL BE TOWED GABON FOR WORK UNDER CONTRACT  
ELF-SEREPCA.

4. ELF-SEREPCA CONTINUING THEIR CAMEROONIAN PROGRAM WITH ANOTHER  
STORM PLATFORM (REF A-NOTAL).

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